

Central CAEYC History, Decade 1990-1993 (more years to be added)
1989-1990

Local Level: Marilyn Williams' term as CCAEYC president ended in the summer of 1990. Diana Decker was president from summer 1990 thru summer 1992. Marilyn Shelton was president elect, Mary Ann Mateo and Sally Rowden were secretaries, and Leroy Bollinger was treasurer. Membership was 275 in February.

CCAIEYC chapter news: Student chapters were active at CSUF and FCC. The CSUF student chapter donated money to the Henry Madden library for the juvenile collection. Sequoia chapter's fall program meeting was "Understanding control and how to get it back." The Sierra and Tulare Chapters were also active this year.

A CCAEYC program on the Performing Arts was held from 9am-12pm on February 3, 1990. This session focused on Puppetry, Dance and Music. Another program was held on April 21 at Fairmont School, the topic was integrating primary curriculum through themes. These events were free for CCAEYC members, non-members were \$8 and student non-members were \$3.00.

On March 20, 1990, Historian, Coral Edquist, began the nomination process for having a new Fresno Unified elementary school named after Edith Storey. Edith worked at Fresno Unified for 48 years, she retired from the district in 1970. Her positions included being an elementary teacher, school principal (one of the first women), director of child care centers (in 1958), student teacher supervisor, trainer of prospective principals, and provider of home instruction and supervisor of other home instruction teachers. She was

named Women of the Year in 1965. Edith served as president of California Association for Nursery Education (CANE) before that organization became California Association for the Education of Young Children.

Week of the Young Child was April 1-7, 1990. The theme was "Quality Childcare: Good beginnings Never End." Ribbon day was on April 3. During the Children's Art Fair, work was displayed in several locations; e.g. malls, airport, businesses.

An Early Childhood Educator's Recognition reception was held as part of the celebration for Week of the Young Child. In May "Sunshine Day" was held at Roeding Park sponsored by Children's Service's Network. Several CSUF Extension classes focused on ECE: including Evo Bluestein on "Folkstyle Autoharp and Children's Songs," "A Project Approach in ECE," offered by Carol Brammer and Lynn Ross, and "Appropriate Computer Software in Early Childhood Classrooms," by Marilyn Shelton. The Fresno City College Child Development Center developed an Early Childhood resource center for child care providers.

The December program was a Storyteller Celebration at Fairmont Private School.

State Level: CAEYC State President was Elsie Gee from 1989 to 1991. The CAEYC state conference was held in San Jose, on March 2-4, 1990. 3,000 -4,000 people attended the conference. The theme was, "Its About Time! Responsibility Today for Tomorrow's Society." The Legislative Symposium was on April 4 in Sacramento. The state membership was approximately 10,000. The state provided opportunities for members to participate in the Public Policy Internship Program.

Regional level: Western States Leadership Network (WSLN) was held July 1, 1990, at Ashland Oregon.

National level: Lana L. Hostetler was president of NAEYC from 1990 to 1992. The NAEYC conference was Nov 15-18, 1990, in Washington DC. Membership was approximately 60,000. The Child Care Development Block Grants evolved from the prior Act for Better Child Care (ABC) bill.

1990-1991

Local Level: Diana Decker was CCAEYC president from summer 1990 thru summer 1992. Marilyn Shelton was president elect, Mary Ann Mateo and Sally Rowden were secretaries. In winter 1991 there were 239 members. The year ended with 286 members. Membership Booklets were available.

Treasurer, Leroy Bollinger reported bank Passport balance of \$1,466.26. The State Conference check for our share of the state conference profits was \$8,088.00. Total balance of our accounts, including C.D.'s, was \$38,977.98. At the December, 1991 meeting, Treasurer, Leroy Bollinger described the meeting with Rita Sharp, Certified Public Accountant and announced our group has no tax exempt number which is required. Leroy was authorized to pursue the problem.

The student chapter reported having programs where Pat Carver and Arnie Nixon were speakers. The student membership had at least 20 people.

February 2, the first workshop for the year was "Anti-bias teaching; an introduction."

In the spring, Diane Williamson reported 12 scholarship applications received. Marilyn Shelton presented suggestions for bylaw changes. Fresno County EOC Head Start was one of 6 grantees in the nation to be selected for participation in a Head Start Multi-cultural Demonstration Project for a three year period with Nancy Marquez as project leader. Joyce Huggins described the YWCA Homeward Bound project for families with children was in need of blocks. It was agreed to purchase blocks and block cart for the YWCA.

April 1-7 was the Children's Art Exhibit at Fashion Fair mall. Art displays were in local Libraries for the entire month. The Art display during "Week of the Young Child" was successful with the suggestion that if centers wish pictures returned, in the future a pick-up time should be arranged. Week of the Young Child Ribbons were distributed and viewed in many places. A coalition of groups discussed activities that took place during "Week of the Young Child." It was decided to focus on a month of activities, rather than a week.

On April 17, 1991, CCAEYC participated with many other organizations to sponsor a special event at the Tower Theater. Dr. Lillian Katz, Professor of Early Childhood Education, University of Illinois, and Director of ERIC Clearinghouse, was the featured speaker. In May the Board reviewed this event. 582 tickets were sold out of a potential of 750 available. Sixteen were given as complimentary. Income was \$1,397. It was recommended that in the future audience questions be examined for maximum use of time. Tickets were \$2.00 "donations."

On May 18 the CCAEYC membership program was the "Zoo Workshop; a guided tour of Chaffee Zoological Gardens."

In September 1991 Leroy Bollinger spoke of the need for grants to help centers pursue Accreditation, along with an orientation meeting. Leroy was authorized to set up such a meeting.

October 18-19, 1991, the annual CCAEYC conference was held at California State University Fresno in the Residence Dining Hall. The theme was "Children and Families in a Changing World." The conference featured Dr. Carol Brunson Phillips as keynote speaker. The conference was a resounding success; participants gave glowing feedback. There were 400 participants, and the conference brought in \$3,780.

State Level: CAEYC State Presidents were Elsie Gee (1989-1991) and Lee McKay (1991-1993). Effective 1992, the State Board adopted "Month for the Young Child."

At the state level, it was decided to hire an Administrative Coordinator; this was a momentous move from being an all-volunteer organization. The CAEYC state conference was held March 2-5, 1991, at the Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles. The third Legislative Symposium was April 3 in Sacramento; CCAEYC organized a charter bus for those wishing to attend.

Regional Level: The Western State Leadership Network conference was held June 26-30 at Gonzaga University in Spokane Washington.

National Level: Lana L. Hostetler was president of NAEYC from 1990 to 1992. The NAEYC Annual Conference was October 7-10 in Denver, CO.

1991-1992

Local Level: Marilyn Shelton was president, Charmaine Fitzgerald was president-elect; secretary was Sally Rowden, treasure was Leroy Bollinger. In January the new membership directory listed 241 members. In March it was reported that there were 225 members. In July membership was reported to be 280. In November membership was reported at 160, of which 37 were students, and 14 comprehensive Porterville College desired to become an independent affiliate but needed to go through CCAEYC for it to become official.

Leroy Bollinger met with Attorney Bruce Nelson to draw up Articles of Incorporation. Tax Exempt Status. Based on a report from Leroy Bollinger related to tax exempt status, the group voted to select Option II, 501(c)(3), as a charitable organization to avoid Fed/State taxes, with contributions to be tax deductible. An audit to be done in July as required in By-laws.

The CCAEYC-CSUF Student Chapter members volunteered at the fall mini-conference. They sold raffle tickets to purchase books for the Juvenile collection at the Henry Madden Library at CSU Fresno. The service committee ran a blood drive; and put on a wonderful Christmas Party at the Marjoree Mason Center. In the spring, the student chapter participated in Vintage Days at Fresno State. The chapter sponsored a booth for children's activities where they had 300 children participate in their games.

February 29, 1992, CCAEYC had a meeting that was a nature walk at Lost Lake Park.

CCAIEYC continued to support the YWCA Homeward Bound project for families with children. CCAIEYC donated to the Discovery Center, a jumping board which had been discovered/invented by Blanch Nosworthy. The board (a 16' redwood plank supported by two bases set about 14' apart) provided cathartic experiences for children, families and staff.

In March the group reviewed plans for "Week of the Young Child." The Family Day Care Providers along with Children's Services Network focused on local organizations children can join. Joyce Huggins displayed children's work at the airport. The Student group positioned "Baby Bundles" around town. Adrienne Herrell ordered 5,000 ribbons with printing, "Good Beginnings Never End," to be distributed through Centers. April 2, 1992 was the first of a three-part series of workshops.

In April, at the Board meeting, the board reviewed and made recommendations regarding the bus trip with students who attended the Legislative Symposium. It was considered successful and a recommendation was made that bus trip be repeated next year.

A recommendation was made that job descriptions be made for board member positions. It was also recommended that at the end of the year, board members write summaries of what they did. It was recommended to rent a storage unit for CCAIEYC records and equipment. It was also recommended to provide binders for incoming officers.

In April, 1992 it was announced fees for the State Conference at Anaheim conference would be raised. St. Agnes was designated to receive the Corporate Award to be given at the Legislative Symposium.

April 4-11 was "Week of the Young Child." The kick-off activity for the week was the Children's Event/Carnival on April 4. It was decided to celebrate "Week of the Young Child" and "Sunshine Day" as separate events.

April 9 was a CCAEYC spring workshop; Focus on Children, an introduction to keeping portfolios and anecdotal records. Adrienne Herrell was the presenter. The session also included organization and classroom management and make-and-take spring projects. This session was held at the Children's Learning Center in Clovis. Costs were: CCAEYC members – free, non-members \$8, and student no-members \$3.

A recognition Event honoring Day Care Providers was held on April 25, 1992 from 1-3 pm at the home of Anna Turnipseed. The event was co-sponsored by the Fresno City College Child Care Advisory committee, Children's Services Network, and CCAEYC.

In May, 1992 dues were increased to \$25 for Students, \$40 for Regular, and \$75 for Comprehensive.

It was announced that Dr. Brazelton would be the speaker at Valley Children's Hospital next October, 1993 with a presentation titled "About Kids and Families." In June, a conference which was designed to bring all areas of Early Child Development/Education together met with the purpose of building a professional career ladder. 700 people attended the conference. Marilyn Moore Williams represented CCAEYC at the conference.

In July, 1992 a retreat was held at the Ramada Inn with the new Board planning for the new year. The goals and purpose statements were updated for the new brochures. The development of Board Notebooks was approved to facilitate the work and communication of board members. Accreditation of centers in our area was not high on the list. Leroy suggested more public emphasis was needed.

In September, Marilyn Shelton presented ideas regarding the "Discovery Center's program." Membership outreach was reviewed with forms distributed to schools throughout the area. The Klute Bill, "Here They Come Ready or Not," was on the Governor's desk and passed after 5 years.

In the fall CCAEYC and Valley Children's Hospital cosponsored the conference "About Kids and Families." The keynote was given by Berry Brazelton.

Marilyn Moore Williams reported news that City of Fresno Child Care Advisory Committee had been funded again and allocated \$17,250. She reported on a variety of activities sponsored by the organization.

The October CCAEYC program was at Petunia's Place and was titled "Resources on Peace." Adrienne reported a decision to take another bus for this year's Legislative Symposium.

In December, 1992, President, Marilyn Shelton shared newsletters received from other chapters. Charmaine Fitzgerald; President Elect will enroll as a Legislative Intern and be joined by her daughter, Megan.

Kristin Sullivan, Publications Chair, suggested a profile be written for the newsletter to describe an accredited school.

State Level: CAEYC State President was Lee McKay from 1991 to 1993. Elsie Gee was hired as CAEYC State Coordinator. The state conference was March 13-15 in Sacramento. The legislative symposium was April 8, in Sacramento. At the symposium, Fresno's Saint Agnes Child Care Center was presented with CAEYC's 1991 Corporate Award.

CAEYC passed a resolution on PEACE based on the belief that all children have the right to live in a safe, secure environment. The resolution connected this belief with the need for increased funding for children and their families, and resolved to make these concerns a budget priority. There was an increase in membership dues: students \$25.00, regular \$40.00, and comprehensive \$75.00.

Three people from CCAEYC were chosen for the State Leadership in Diversity Program.

In October it was reported that 663 schools in California were doing self-assessment to achieve the Accreditation status.

Regional Level: Two members volunteered to attend the Western States Leadership Network's regional meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico in June 1992.

National Level: Lilian G. Katz was president of NAEYC from 1992 to 1994. The national conference was in New Orleans, November 11-14. An announcement was made regarding the International Conference in Flagstaff, Arizona, August 2-7 which was being sponsored by the World Organization for Early Childhood Education (OMEP).

1992-1993

Local Level: Marilyn Shelton was CCAEYC president, Charmaine Fitzgerald was president-elect; secretary was Sally Rowden, treasure was Leroy Bollinger. The Articles of Incorporation Tax Exempt Status of 501/504, 501(c)(3) were completed for the organization. The CSUF Student Chapter was active, Student Chapter President was Laura Lockwood, and Chapter. they had several meetings with guest speakers. Teri LaFleur was president of the Sequoia chapter.

The City of Fresno Child Care Advisory Committee sponsored an informational session on accreditation, they offered matching grants for validation visits, and they provided weekly workshops for directors.

April 18-24, 1993 was Week of the Young Child. The theme was "Their future is in our hands." During the week children's art work was displayed at Fashion Fair, and Bank of Fresno at Clovis and Kings Canyon. Also at Fashion Fair there were speakers and performances by storyteller, Claudia Read Wright, and children from St. Anthony's School. A provider reception was held April 17 at Fresno City College Child Development Center, from 1-3 pm. Partners during the week of the young child included: Children's Services Network, City of Fresno Child Care Advisory Committee, and CCAEYC.

April 26, 1993 was the ground breaking ceremonies for the Edith B. Storey Elementary School for Fresno Unified School District. CCAEYC had nominated Edith Storey for this honor.

Sunshine Day, at Roeding Park, on May 1st, was organized by Children's Services Network.

At the May 6 CCAEYC Program, Dr. John Platt, was the keynote speaker and he talked about raising responsible children.

Retreats and meetings for the board were held at the Ramada Inn.

The local CCAEYC programs for members were on the theme: cultural perspectives on child rearing. Sep 18 was "Mexican American Perspectives", and Dec 4 was "Asian American Perspectives."

The following was reported in the Fall Newsletter: The Mentor Teacher course at Fresno City College began this Fall Semester. [Editor's note: this later became the Adult Supervision course.] Awards and grants were available; two at the state level and three at the local level. A new membership booklet has been compiled. Marilyn Shelton completed her CAEYC Public Policy Internship during the summer session.



CCAIEYC adopted this new logo in 1993.

The CCAIEYC regional conference was Oct 8-9, 1993, at Fresno State. The theme was "Children and Families in a Changing World: 1993, a conference for people who care about children." The conference mission statement was: "We...the people who work with children ...have a dramatic impact on their lives. The care providers, parents, teachers paraprofessionals and administrators all work together to provide the safest most nurturing environment for OUR children." These conferences were held every other year.

CCAIEYC gave out seven monetary awards for members, including students, to attend the state conference.

CCAIEYC Historian Coral Edquist contributed much of the above history from 1950 thru 1993. In 2018, using information from board manuals, board minutes, newsletters and program fliers; historians Catherine Mathis and Marilyn Shelton added more details to the work done by Coral.

State Level: CAIEYC State Presidents were Lee McKay (1991-1993) and Cecelia Alvarado Kuster (1993-1995).

CCAIEYC had 20 participants ride on a bus to the April 21 Legislative Symposium in Sacramento. Speakers at the Crest Theater got the participants energized for their march to the steps of the capital where a rally was held. CAIEYC and California Kindergarten Association took a strong stance against a proposed legislation on vouchers for private schools (Proposition 174).

March 19-21, 1993 the state conference was held in Anaheim. The theme was Cornerstone for a successful society: Taking care of children, families and early childhood educators. The Legislative symposium was on April 21 in Sacramento; this was the sixteenth annual symposium.

The CAIEYC state conference was in Anaheim, CA on March 19-21, 1993. The theme was Cornerstones for a Successful Society, Lillian Katz was the key note speaker at the conference. The Anti-Bias Resource room was available for the first time.

The Mentor Teaching Program began with funding from the Child Care Block Grant Program. The program goal was to make community college practicum courses more accessible by offering them throughout the community, under the guidance of a trained mentors. Fresno City College was selected as one of the first participants in the project.

The State Board approved plans to develop a new internship program, with a focus on anti-violence. The state currently had internship programs for Leadership, and Public Policy. CAEYC co-sponsored with Action Alliance for Children, a workshop entitled "The Impact of Violence on Young children Conference" at Preservation Park in Oakland.

Regional Level: CAEYC voted to boycott Western States Leadership Network (WSLN) on June 26-30, because it was being held in Colorado, where legislation was just passed that allowed discrimination against homosexuals.

National Level: Lilian G. Katz was president of NAEYC from 1992 to 1994. April 2-4, 1993 was the 11th Annual NAEYC Leadership Conference in Washington DC.

April 18-24 Week of the Young Child.

November 10-13, 1993 was the NAEYC 1993 Annual Conference in Anaheim. Fred Rogers presented the opening talk. Lillian Katz, the current NAEYC President, gave the keynote talk.

NAEYC published a Briefing Paper on Children of Gay Lesbian Parents.

The United Nation's World Summit for Children was held on September 29-30 in New York City and provided a treaty called "The Convention for the Rights of Children."